

RECORD LETTER IN FROM CARSON CITY

Assemblyman George Bergman Champions Cause of Country Newspapers.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL

Together With Anti-Japanese Agitation Furnished Leading Features of Week's Delays of Law-makers--Views of Senator Newlands--Allen Grady Land Bill--Report of State Police Captain Cox.

(Special Correspondence.)

Carson City, Feb. 11.—Assemblyman Bergman of Lincoln county has introduced A. B. No. 79 to amend the present law relative to the publication of annual statements of mining companies. The law now on the statute books provides for the publication of these statements in some daily newspaper, to the exclusion of the weekly publications throughout the state. Publishers of the latter in every county in Nevada have urged their representatives in the legislature to exercise their influence towards the changing of the present law. The daily paper men, however, are going to put up a fight, and insist that they are going to defeat the Bergman bill.

The report of W. L. Cox, superintendent of the state police, has been issued from the office of the state printer, and it contains many recommendations to increase the efficiency of the force. Nine members only are now under orders, three vacancies in the force of twelve not having been filled.

Captain Cox recommends that the men be mounted to avoid having to depend on stiff legged crows when time of action is at hand. He would have the pay scale raised to give privates \$120 a month and sergeants \$150, out of which the men would furnish and maintain their own horses. One of the most important advances in the office is the introduction of the Bertillon and finger prints methods of identification.

The anti-Japanese agitation and the anti-gambling bill have been two of the leading features this week. The Japanese question has stirred President Roosevelt into action, as it did in California, and both the Nevada senators at Washington have kept the wires hot urging that no radical action be taken on the proposition at this time. Senator Newlands takes the view that there should be broad national legislation covering the whole Japanese question. In his statement Senator Newlands says:

"The legislation proposed by the Pacific coast states intended to meet certain phases of what constitutes national peril, has been opposed by the president as involving violation of our treaty with Japan and imperiling her friendship.

"That the race question is now the most important question confronting the nation; that already we have drifted regarding the black race into a condition which seriously suggests the withdrawal of the political rights heretofore mistakenly granted and the inauguration of a human national policy which, with the co-operation and aid of the southern states should recognize that the blacks are a race of children requiring guidance, industrial training and the development of self-control and other measures intended to reduce the danger of the race complication formerly sectional, but now becoming national.

"That confronting us on the Atlantic is Europe with a population of 600,000,000 white people, whose surplus seeks outlet on our soil; that we have found it difficult to assimilate even the immigrants of the white race

from that continent, and have been obliged by law carefully to restrict such immigration.

"That confronting us on the Pacific lies Asia, with a population of 1,000,000,000 people, yellow and brown races, who, if unrestricted, would overwhelmingly immigrate to our country of unrivaled resources, of high wages and almost unlimited capacity to support additional population; that pre-eminent among these people stands Japan, strong, aggressive, high spirited, qualities which the American people admire, but which, if given play on American soil, would form the strongest form of race antagonism."

The anti-gambling bill was introduced by Assemblyman McIntosh, and it is evident that there will be a stubborn fight put up for and against the bill.

The alien land bill, the purpose of which is to deny foreigners from the right to use state grazing lands, is attracting much attention.

According to the report of the state controller, it costs the taxpayers of Nevada \$900,921.12 to carry on the state government last year. The controller estimates the cost of the state government for the year 1909 at \$1,378,240.

He declares that with ordinary prudence in appropriations and average economy in expenditures such, however, not as already manifested by the legislature now in session, a tax of 60 cents on each assessed valuation of \$100 ought to be enough to defray the expenses of the state government for the next two years and have a surplus for the next legislature.

PIOCHE BOY WINS BERKELEY HONORS

Ainslee Campbell Elected Captain of Track Team and Begins Organizing Squad

FOR YEAR'S WORK.

Coast Paper Prints Picture of Young Man—Expected to Hold School Colors in the 100-Yard Dash—Nearly Broke World's Record During Last Year's Campaign of Athletics in California.

Ainslee Campbell, son of Dr. J. D. Campbell of this city, has won high honors at Berkeley by being recently elected to the captaincy of the track team. A coast paper printed a picture of the Pioche boy last week, and made the following comment:

"High school athletics have become the fad of the season. The youth have entered more heartily into the preliminaries for this year's events than ever before, and much is expected from every department of school sport. Just as soon as the weather settles outdoor training will be commenced. Large squads of boys are ready for field track, baseball, swimming, basketball, etc. In field and track work the brunt of the work will fall upon Captain Ainslee Campbell, who is expected to hold the school colors in the 100-yard dash. Captain Ben Laird will organize the baseball nine and instill interest in that branch of athletic activity. In basketball the high school expects to go to the front.

"Several contests already played under Capt. Daniel Drake have inspired the team with zeal. Many games are scheduled."

During last season's athletic campaign Campbell came within a quarter of a second of breaking the world's record on the track for a 100-yard dash.

At the meeting of the board last Monday, the county commissioners authorized the purchase of two chemical engines for Pioche. They will arrive shortly.

OHIO-KENTUCKY NEVADA-UTAH MERGER NOW APPEARS TO BE CERTAIN

Details of Consolidation Said to Have Been Arranged and That It Is a Matter of Only a Few Days Until Deal Will Be Brought to a Conclusion—President Learned Nearing Salt Lake—Settlement of Difficulties Existing Between These Companies Heretofore Means Much For This Camp.

Indications point towards some interesting developments being worked out during the coming week relative to the proposed consolidation of the interests in this camp owned jointly by the Nevada-Utah Mines & Smelters and Ohio-Kentucky companies. It is understood that President Learned is now en route from New York to Salt Lake, and it is probable that the negotiations, which have been pending for some time, will be brought to a successful conclusion before he leaves the Utah capital city.

The coming together of these two companies and settlement of their difficulties without further

unpleasantness will mark an important epoch in the history of Pioche. There is a world of developed ore in the Susan Duster and Greenwood mines belonging to the Ohio-Kentucky company; likewise in the Raymond & Ely claims, in which the joint ownership exists. The amalgamation of these interests will mean an immediate increase in the payroll of the camp, and a general renewal of activity on the historic Pioche mountain. Not only that; it means the construction in the near future of great mills and reduction works for the treatment of the ores from these great properties, and the intro-

duction of a company destined to become a steady dividend payer at no distant day.

The basis upon which the consolidation is to be made has not been given out; yet the RECORD has been informed that it is along lines eminently fair to the shareholders of both corporations.

Ohio-Kentucky stock has been quoted much higher on the Salt Lake exchange this week in anticipation of the deal being consummated. A few weeks ago it was offered as low as 45 cents a share with no takers. Yesterday there was active bidding for it at 90 cents a share.

X-RAY OFFICERS

Directors Meet at Caliente and Complete Organization For Mining Year.

At a meeting of the newly elected directors of the X-Ray Mining company in Caliente Wednesday, an organization was effected by the election of Joseph W. Taylor, president; George Boody, vice-president; W. P. Murray, secretary, and Isaac Hinkle, treasurer; who, with J. W. Brown, William Satchel and Charles Lee Horsey, constitute the board of directors.

The report of President Taylor showed that during the past year \$3,062 was expended on development, and that 300 feet of work, consisting of shafts and tunnels had been prosecuted. The treasury of the company was reported to be in good condition for the continuance of an aggressive development campaign during the next year.

The management was authorized to proceed with the installation of such machinery and equipment as will facilitate progress, and it has been learned from President Taylor that the new buildings ordered erected sometime ago are completed, and that two shifts are employed in driving the tunnel, the present length of which is about 180 feet.

The face is showing strong mineralization, indicating that the tunnel is nearing the first fissure to be cut by that avenue. In the preliminary development work done last year, Mr. Taylor stated, the upper shaft on the X-Ray ground penetrated six feet of good ore, eight inches of which carried lead values running as high as 55 per cent. In another place, two feet of ore assaying approximately 40 per cent lead, 60 ounces in silver and \$2 in gold was found.

Visitor From Iowa.

C. M. Boody of Iowa Falls, Iowa, who is extensively interested in the X-Ray mine in the Highland district has arrived for the purpose of making an examination of that property and reporting his findings to eastern shareholders. He expects to remain here for sometime and watch the progress of development work which is being energetically carried forward by Manager Taylor.

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Emily A. Ford and family wish to extend to the people of Pioche and vicinity their heartfelt thanks for the help and expressions of sympathy extended them during their late bereavement.

THOMAS W. FORD MEETS TRAGIC END

Nevada-Utah Employee Falls Down Shaft of Day Mine Meeting Instant Death.

FUNERAL TUESDAY.

Out of Respect to the Memory of Deceased Many Businesses Closed and Many Were Closed During Obsequies—Interment in Pioche Cemetery—Was Educated in California and Represented Highest Type of Young Manhood.

Thomas W. Ford is dead. Just as he was blossoming into full manhood; with a future filled with promise, he fell a victim of a dreadful accident in the Day mine at Jack Rabbit last Sunday afternoon. In a twinkling almost, life was snuffed out; a few hours later his mangled remains were found by co-workers at the 900-foot station of the shaft. Today his soul rests in peace, and all that is mortal of him lies in a silent tomb in the city of the dead near this city.

His tragic end came as a distinct shock to this entire community, and even now it is difficult to believe that he has left this earthly sphere. Tom Ford was a man; every inch of him. He was mentally, morally and physically strong. Intensely devoted was he to his invalid mother. It is said of him that not a month was allowed to pass without sending her a portion of his previous month's earnings, and it was a pleasure to him to know that he had done something towards giving her comfort and cheer in her declining years. He loved his sisters, and was possessed of those sterling qualities which made him popular among all acquaintances.

The funeral was largely attended; all business houses of the city, as well as many of the mines, were closed during the obsequies. The services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the residence of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gaskill, the Rev. Harry J. Gray of Las Vegas officiating. The pallbearers were: Leo Harton, David Parke, Jack Gallagher, Charles Haggerty, Thomas Billings and William Taylor, all employees of the Nevada-Utah Mines & Smelters corporation, of which Mr. Gaskill is chief engineer and superintendent.

Relatives in Salt Lake were telegraphed for Sunday evening,

and Monday, L. Webster Wickes, Mrs. Grace Wickes, a sister; Mrs. Emily Ford, mother; and Miss Phyllis Ford, sister; arrived, going immediately to the Gaskill home.

The deceased had been an employee of the Nevada-Utah company for more than a year, and at the time of his death was engaged in making repairs to the shaft.

Subsequent investigation indicates that a spreader beam, at a point eighteen feet below the 700, upon which the young man working, gave way, precipitating him to the 900, where he was afterwards found.

The deceased was born at Buffalo Gap, South Dakota, September 2, 1887; was educated in California, and after leaving school took up mining as a profession.

SNOW RETARDS WORK

Pioche King Equipment Arrives—What Is Going On At Other Mines

The heavy precipitation of snow, the worst of the winter, during the past week has had the effect of greatly retarding work about the mines. Movements of ore to market, likewise, have been handicapped; while prospectors and others who have been doing assessment work on their claims have been forced to remain in camp most of the time.

Early in the week, however, many new locations were made in the snow along the strike of the great Colfax lode, mention of which was made in last week's RECORD, and according to information brought in from the Highland district, claims have been staked out across the valley practically all the way to the Prince Consolidated. Ernest A. Hodges and associates have taken up the south extension of the Colfax lode for a distance of 3000 feet and for a width of 1200 feet, the San Pedro claim ending with the Missouri No. 3 claim, belonging to Ed F. Freudenthal and others.

The Golden Prince.

The station has been cut at the 300-foot level of the shaft, and cross-cutting two ways was begun yesterday. To the west of the shaft, is a large manganese vein showing a width of sixty-five feet, and to the east, is another ledge, which has been prospected across for twenty-five feet, with assays at the grass roots averaging about \$7 to the ton. In the center of the west vein is a quartz ledge heavily impregnated with bromides,

chlorides and galena. It is expected that these veins will be encountered at a distance of about 100 feet from the shaft. Splendid headway was made in sinking the shaft last month, the men gaining a little more than 100 feet. In appreciation of their work, the management gave the employees of the company an extra "treat" today. One set of timbers has been put in below the 300.

Pioche King.

Three car loads of mine machinery and equipment for this property have arrived, and the first of it was hauled over the mountain yesterday by the teams belonging to the Judd-Lund & Olson company. In this consignment for the King is the 50-horse power Alamo hoist, ordered from the Richmond Machinery company of Salt Lake; also a compressor, gallows frame, etc., purchased from the same firm. President Kirby, who arrived in the city Sunday, expected to remain until the equipment had been delivered to the mine, but the heavy snow interfered, and he returned to Salt Lake Thursday morning. The storm has also hindered somewhat the force of carpenters employed in the construction of the mine buildings.

E. B. Frederick, who was awarded the contract to sink the shaft 150 feet, has arrived from Searchlight with a force of first-class miners, and has begun work.

The Colfax Strike.

The Colfax strike has opened out bigger than ever, and just before the late storm the vein had opened out in the shaft for a width of more than four feet. considerable ore has been sacked, but the storm has tied up operations for a few days. Manager Freudenthal is jubilant over the outlook for the Colfax, which is a portion of the Black Wonder group. This find has created the greatest sensation in the camp since the striking of the rich fissures in the Prince Consolidated some time ago.

The Prince Consolidated.

Work is progressing with the usual vigor at the Prince Consolidated mine. Superintendent Lloyd reports splendid headway being made with the sinking of the winze on No. 1 fissure from the 400, which is to be sent down to the 500. The bottom of this winze is showing ore assaying from 60 to 560 ounces in silver, 30 per cent lead and about \$6 in gold. Connections have been made with the 400 in the winze sunk from the 300 on the No. 2 fissure, and in it ore has been exposed all the way. Drifting is still in progress both ways along the Nos. 1 and 2 fissures on the 300 with the usual high grade values showing. The cross-cut from the 550 vein is yet about 70 feet from No. 1 fissure, but Mr. Lloyd says numerous streaks of mineralized matter carrying fair values have been encountered. The ground is getting more interesting every day.

NEW ASSAY OFFICE

One Established at Salt Lake Has Been Opened For Regular Business.

The new government assay office established in Salt Lake has been opened for business and the first shipment of gold received there came from the Consolidated Mercur mine at Mercur, Utah. The assayer in charge is J. U. Eldredge, Jr., formerly county clerk of Salt Lake county. Mr. Eldredge will have six assistants in his office.

Herman Freudenthal and wife have gone to Los Angeles for a brief visit.

GOLDFIELD GETS MINING CONGRESS

Matters of Great Importance to Industry to Be Discussed at Gathering.

MANY WILL ATTEND

What Secretary Callbreath Says About Proposed National Bureau of Mines—Chairman County Camp Getting Ready to Entertain Visitors in Characteristic Style—Meeting Takes Place in November.

(Special Correspondence.)

Denver, Colo., Feb. 10.—A series of conferences which will afford opportunity for discussion upon all of the important problems affecting the mining industry, is being arranged for by the American Mining congress, which has decided to hold its next annual session at Goldfield, Nevada, during November of this year.

Already prominent mining men, mining attorneys, and various associations are asking for the opportunity to present for discussion certain matters vitally affecting the welfare of the mining industry. So intimate a relation does the condition of mining bear to the whole national prosperity, that the committee on mines and mining of the United States congress, which petitioned the mining congress to hold its next session at Goldfield, is arranging to be represented by a majority of its members. The forest service of the government; which has likewise been brought in close contact with mining operators in many instances, will be given a chance to uphold its course before the mining men of the western regions who, if any, have real cause to complain of the improper administration of the forest reserves.

A committee on the general revision of federal mining laws which has been laboring two years or more upon a plan for unifying the laws affecting mining, will make its final report. It is considered by representative mining men that this is one of the most important tasks ever undertaken by the mining congress, and with the growing strength of this organization it is believed that the ear of the national congress can be easily gained when substantial reforms in this direction are recommended.

It is stated by Mr. Callbreath, secretary of the mining congress, who is now in Washington, that the passage of the bill for the creation of a bureau of mines is practically assured, and that the matter of appropriations for various branches of the work to be undertaken by this bureau will next be in order. It is already understood that considerable sums will be spent in devising means for preventing explosions in coal mines, and in providing for the installation of many safety devices in the metal mines, all of which have for their purpose the protection of human life. Further appropriations will be asked to maintain experimental and testing stations, so as to afford the miner and prospector some assistance in determining the mineral character of various formations but care will be taken in this department to prevent conflict with individual engineers and assayers. All Nevada is planning to give the visitors royal entertainment during their state, and an abundance of real miner's hospitality, such as only miners know how to bestow, will be unstintingly awarded to all delegates.

Henry G. Taber, the Searchlight bank wrecker, was discharged by a San Diego judge Thursday. He will probably be re-arrested, as Sheriff Smith is awaiting new requisition papers.